

At the Regular Meeting of the Greenville County Water & Sewer Authority, held on Monday, December 16, 2019, with Regular Session beginning at the conclusion of the Board of Supervisors meeting, in the Board Room of the Greenville County Government Building, 1781 Greenville County Circle, Emporia, Virginia.

Present: Raymond L. Bryant, Jr., Chairman
Tony M. Conwell, Vice-Chairman
Michael W. Ferguson
William B. Cain

Chairman Bryant called meeting to order.

In Re: Closed Session

Mrs. Parson, Director, stated that Staff recommended the Authority go into Closed Session, Section 2.2-3711 (a) 1) Personnel Matters.

Mr. Conwell moved, seconded by Mr. Cain, to go into Closed Session, as recommended by Staff. Voting aye: Mr. Cain, Mr. Conwell and Chairman Bryant.

In Re: Regular Session

Mrs. Parson stated that Staff recommended the Authority return to Regular Session.

Mr. Conwell moved, seconded by Mr. Ferguson, to go into Regular Session. Voting aye: Mr. Cain, Mr. Conwell, Mr. Ferguson and Chairman Bryant.

In Re: Certification of Closed Meeting – Resolution #WS-20-14

Mr. Conwell moved, seconded by Mr. Ferguson, to adopt the following Resolution. A roll call vote was taken, as follows: Mr. Cain, aye; Mr. Conwell, aye; Mr. Ferguson, aye; and Chairman Bryant, aye.

RESOLUTION #WS-20-14
CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING

WHEREAS, the Greenville Water and Sewer Authority has convened a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provision of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the Greenville County Water and Sewer Authority that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Greenville County Water and Sewer Authority hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Greenville County Water and Sewer Authority.

In Re: Approval of Agenda

Mrs. Parson stated that Staff recommended approval of the Agenda.

Mr. Conwell moved, seconded by Mr. Ferguson, to approve the Agenda, as submitted.
Voting aye: Mr. Cain, Mr. Conwell, Mr. Ferguson and Chairman Bryant.

In Re: Approval of the Consent Agenda

Mrs. Parson stated that Staff recommended approval of the Consent Agenda.

Mr. Conwell moved, seconded by Mr. Ferguson, to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the following items. Voting aye: Mr. Cain, Mr. Conwell, Mr. Ferguson, and Chairman Bryant.

In Re: Minutes from the meeting of December 2, 2019.

In Re: Warrants:

Approval of Total Accounts Payable for December 16, 2019, in the amount of,
\$501,262.12

Approval of General Fund, in the amount of, \$156,079.55
Approval of Special Projects, in the amount of, \$345,182.57

In Re: Public Hearing

Mrs. Parson stated that Staff recommended the Authority go into Public Hearing to solicit public comments regarding the proposed Increased Water and Sewer Rates.

Mr. Conwell moved, seconded by Mr. Ferguson, to go into Public Hearing. Voting aye: Mr. Cain, Mr. Conwell, Mr. Ferguson and Chairman Bryant.

In Re: Proposed Increased Water and Sewer Rates

Mr. Glen Gibson, Assistant Director, stated that Administration presented a rate analysis report to the Authority at its November 18th meeting. He stated that the report recommended increasing rates for the provision of water and sewer services to fund necessary expenses attributable to providing services. He also stated that the most recent water rate increase was effective September 2014, so it had been five years since the Authority had raised its water rates. The Consumer Price Index reported an 8% increase in inflation since the last water rate increase. Mr. Gibson stated that the most recent sewer rate increase was in October 2016. The Consumer Price Index reported a 6% increase in inflation since the last sewer rate increase. He further stated by resolution adopted on November 18, 2019, the Authority set forth its proposed water rate increase of 8% and a proposed sewer rate increase of 4%. He stated that the proposed increases would be effective January 1, 2020. He also stated that in compliance with the Code of Virginia, the Authority published the notice for a Public Hearing to be held tonight setting forth the proposed water and sewer rates schedule.

Chairman Bryant asked if there were any questions or comments.

Mr. Cain commented that he had stated his position before and would not like a decision to be made tonight. He stated that he felt the 8% increase was too high at this time and would like to see another proposal. He also stated that he lived in a district whereby 85% of his constituents were on county water. Mr. Cain stated that he could not vote for an 8% increase in the water bill.

Mr. Conwell stated that at the same time, the Authority could not operate in the red as suggested by Staff.

Further discussion was held among the Authority members.

In Re: Return to Regular Session

Mrs. Parson stated Staff recommended the Authority return to Regular Session.

Mr. Ferguson moved, seconded by Mr. Conwell, to return to Regular Session. Voting aye: Mr. Cain, Mr. Conwell, Mr. Ferguson and Chairman Bryant.

In Re: Resolution #WS-20-15 – Increased Water and Sewer Rates

Mr. Ferguson moved, seconded by Mr. Conwell, to approve the following Resolution. Voting aye: Mr. Conwell, Mr. Ferguson and Chairman Bryant. Mr. Cain abstained.

**RESOLUTION #WS-20-15
INCREASED WATER AND SEWER RATES**

WHEREAS, the Greenville County Water and Sewer Authority (GCWSA) has determined that its rates for the provision of potable water and treatment and disposal of wastewater must be increased to fund expenses necessarily and properly attributable to furnishing the services; and

WHEREAS, the most recent water rate increase for GCWSA was effective September 2014 and the most recent sewer rate increase for GCWSA was effective October 2016; and

WHEREAS, by resolution duly adopted on November 18, 2019, GCWSA set forth its proposed water rate increase of eight percent (8%) and its proposed sewer rate increase of four percent (4%), which increased rates shall become effective on January 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, in compliance with the Code of Virginia, GCWSA published notice of a public hearing to be conducted on December 16, 2019, which notice set forth the proposed schedules of water rates and sewer rates; and on December 16, 2019, GCWSA duly conducted the public hearing as advertised; and

WHEREAS, the expenses of GCWSA have increased sufficiently as to warrant an increase of eight percent (8%) in GCWSA's water rates and an increase of four percent (4%) in GCWSA's sewer rates, which increased rates shall become effective on January 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, there will be no increase in the non-user water rates or the non-user sewer rates.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of Greenville County Water and Sewer Authority hereby adopts the following increased rates for water and sewer service, which increased rates shall become effective on January 1, 2020:

Water Rates

Residential	<u>Existing</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
First 3,000 gallons per month	\$ 16.95	\$ 18.31
Each additional 1,000 gallons per month	\$ 5.65	\$ 6.10
Non-user rate per month	\$ 6.00	\$ 6.00
Commercial and Industrial Customers		
First 3,000 gallons per month	\$ 17.85	\$ 19.28
Each additional 1,000 gallons per month	\$ 5.95	\$ 6.43
Non-user rate per month	\$ 6.00	\$ 6.00
Negotiated Industrial and Institutional Rates		+8.0%

Sewer Rates

Residential	<u>Existing</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
First 4,000 gallons per month	\$ 33.16	\$ 34.49
Each additional 1,000 gallons per month	\$ 6.63	\$ 6.90
Un-metered sewer supply	\$ 37.87	\$ 39.38
Non-user rate per month	\$ 9.97	\$ 9.97
Commercial and Industrial Customers		
First 4,000 gallons per month	\$ 38.67	\$ 40.22
Each additional 1,000 gallons per month	\$ 7.73	\$ 8.04
Non-user rate per month	\$ 9.97	\$ 9.97
Negotiated Industrial and Institutional Rates		+4.0%

In Re: Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Conwell moved, seconded by Mr. Ferguson, to adjourn the meeting. Voting aye: Mr. Cain, Mr. Conwell, Mr. Ferguson and Chairman Bryant.

Raymond L. Bryant, Chairman
Greenville County Water and Sewer Authority